

KENTUCKIANS DISSATISFIED.

New Political Conditions Create the "New Negro Republican" in the Blue Grass State Large Delegation to Call on the President in the Interest of Justice—Mr. Jackson's Lucid Analysis.

Louisville, Ky., Special—There was once a time when Negroes voted the republican ticket because it was generally understood "the republican party freed them." Gratitude prompted blind loyalty. Just the thought of Abraham Lincoln was an irresistible bugle-call to the battle lines of the party at the polls, and no one dared to "reason why" their votes should be so solidly cast for republican nominees—theirs was but "to do and die." No nightmare of political reward disturbed their peaceful slumber. "Blessed be nothing" the old darkey said. But time has changed and the Negro has changed with time. It is a new South and a new Negro. No less respect for Abraham Lincoln, for his sacred memory shall ever live; no less gratitude for the Union soldiers who so valiantly fought and died, for with an imperishable fondness we prize the liberty which was incidental to the struggles of the sixties and no less admiration for the principles of that party which omen prosperity, insure a stable government and for the success of which thousands upon thousands of blacks still strive.

But I say the Negro has changed; with the advent of liberty came educational opportunities and the new Negro is catching step with his white republican comrade and is exchanging reason for "party regularity," common sense for sentiment and is looking for something tangible in the almighty present instead of some immaterial hopes and promises to be fulfilled in the visionary future. It has never been unfashionable for the white republicans to hold office and Negro Kentuckians are eager to be in style. This fact is notably illustrated by the announcement that a delegation of prominent Kentucky Negroes will visit Washington, D. C. this month to enter a complaint with the President against nearly all the Federal office holders in the state. Not a single member of this delegation is seeking office of any kind for himself but they are not satisfied with the treatment that the Negro is receiving at the hands of the Federal office holders of Kentucky. Mr. J. C. Jackson, one of the delegates when interviewed said: "The attention of party leaders has been repeatedly called to this matter, but they seem to pay no attention to us whatever so we have decided to carry the matter directly to the President, feeling assured that it is not his wish that the party's interests should suffer by the unjust and unwise policy of his appointees."

Just think of it. We have five collectors of internal revenue, two U. S. Marshals, one Surveyor's office with a large office force and not a single deputy or court bailiff of even the lowest grade that is filled by a Negro. In the internal revenue service they have fared a little better than in other branches of the public service. In the Louisville district we have a few storekeepers but a poor representation as compared to the whole number of men in the service. In the second district we have hardly any representatives. In the sixth district we have none at all, and have never had a Collector Cummings. In the seventh district we have very little complaint. While we have not all perhaps that we are en-

titled to, yet Mr. Sam Roberts has treated us with more fairness than any of the collectors, and is by far the most popular collector in the state, with colored men."

"The white leaders in Kentucky have used very poor judgment in dealing with the colored vote. The next election in Kentucky will be a very important one. Two judges of the appellate court are to be elected and it seems to me that only the very best men should be given charge of the offices, and the party thoroughly organized upon correct party principles by the old tried leaders who heretofore piloted the party to success. It is to these matters we hope to call the President's attention to. This will perhaps be the only Kentucky delegation who has called upon the President, who are not place hunters."

A few of the names of the delegation appear below: Jordan C. Jackson, John H. Frank, C. H. Parrish, W. H. Steward, S. B. Jones, Thomas H. Parks, Edward Glass, A. C. Banks, W. H. McRiddleton. They are expected in Washington some time this week.

LATE LOCALS.

Mr. H. Ernest Cuney is back from New York.

Mr. Henry Y. Arnett went to Philadelphia Monday.

Mr. John Clinton, the Philadelphia banker, is in the city.

Lieut. R. E. Toomey is "rounding out" from his recent indisposition.

Dr. J. E. Shepard of Raleigh, N. C., has been in the city for several days.

The town is full of politicians from "all over." It seems that "something is doing."

Lawyers Giles B. Jackson and James H. Hayes of Richmond, spent Sunday and Monday here.

Mrs. F. L. Cardoza, Jr., continues ill. She and her family have the sympathy of The Colored American and his host of friends.

Mrs. B. Warner Reed, matron of the Friendless Girl's Home recently addressed the Baptist Minister's Union at Metropolitan church.

Miss Florence M. Williams is succeeding admirably as principal of the Kindergarten Department at the Bruce School on Marshall Street. Those interested in this important branch of instruction will find much to interest them should they pay Miss Williams a visit.

Recorder-elect John C. Dancy was the guest of honor last week at a delightful stag tendered by former Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback. The event took place at Gray and Costley's palatial cafe. Quite a number of distinguished gentlemen shared the genial Louisianian's hospitality.

Miss Lenora Wilson of Newport, R. I., who was the guest of Miss Smallwood of Madison street, and who was so pleasantly entertained by Miss Freeman of 16th street during the holidays, passed through the city this week enroute for her home, after a few days stay in Petersburg.

Dr. Mary L. Brown, formerly of this city and daughter of the late Bishop Brown, D. D., of the A. M. E. church, has located in Milwaukee and opened an office at Room 1, 403 Grand avenue, where she has an elegant office, well and neatly furnished with the latest scientific and surgical appliances. Dr. Brown is a graduate of several universities both in this country and in Scotland and has already built up a large and lucrative practice. Members of the race have reason to be proud of Dr. Brown.

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